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In re Application of:)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is also enclosed.

Each of the cited documents was made of record in the parent application to the present divisional case.

A concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents JP 6-45622, JP 8-213645, JP 7-302889, JP 6-191987, JP 8-97389 and JP 5-211128 is provided in the form of English language abstracts and in the specification. A concise explanation of relevance for the non-English

documents JP 5-21338 and EP 0 703 609 is provided in the form of English language abstracts. JP 5-21338 and JP 5-211128 also correspond to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,371,037 and 5,374,564, respectively. A concise explanation of relevance for the non-English Nikkei Microdevices article is found in the specification at page 22, lines 3-10.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
08/807,604	2/27/97	1301
08/968,664	11/12/97	1104
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

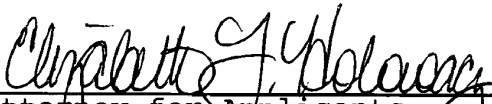
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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